

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 11, 12, 14-16 and 32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 13, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26-30, 35 and 37-40 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A cabinet lock for selectively locking a cabinet of a kind comprising a compartment structure and a closure movable relative to said compartment structure for selectively closing an opening of said compartment structure, said cabinet lock comprising:

a latch bolt assembly including a mounting and a bolt movably disposed with said mounting between a locking position and an unlocked position,

a striker including a coupling region with which said bolt can couple to thereby ~~isolate~~ prevent relative movement between said ~~latch~~ bolt and said striker in at least one direction lateral to the direction of movement of said bolt between its locking position and said unlocked position,

wherein said striker is engagable with one of said compartment structure and closure and said latch bolt assembly is engagable with the other of said compartment structure and closure in a manner to place such in coupling proximity

when said closure is in closing relation with said opening of said compartment structure,

said latch bolt assembly including a passive biasing means to ~~urge or is~~ positioned to urge bias said bolt to said locking position, and

said latch bolt assembly including an electromagnetic means actuable to move said bolt from the locking position to the unlocked position against the bias of the biasing means,

said striker including an interference means selectively movable to interfere with the movement of said bolt into coupling engagement with said coupling region of said striker to thereby prevent coupling.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 1 wherein said bolt moves in a linear manner relative to said mounting between its locking position and an unlocked position.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 1 wherein said striker includes an aperture, said coupling of said bolt and said striker occurring by a penetrative engagement of said bolt with said aperture thereby ~~isolating~~ preventing

relative movement between said ~~latch~~ bolt and said striker in at least one direction lateral to the direction of penetration of said bolt.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 1 wherein said striker is in use fixed to one of (a) said compartment structure and (b) closure, and said latch bolt assembly is in use fixed with the other of said compartment structure and closure.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 1 wherein said striker includes a portion fixed to one of said compartment structure and closure and said interference means is in sliding engagement with the portion fixed.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 1 wherein said interference means ~~in~~ is manually movable.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 3 wherein said interference means is a cover to at least in part extend across the opening of said

aperture of said striker to present interference to the movement of said bolt into said aperture.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 3 wherein said interference means is a tongue which is capable of extending at least in part across said aperture.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 1 wherein said interference means is a means movable relative to the fixed portion of said striker the interference means itself carrying and/or defining the aperture, the movement of the interference means relative to the apportion fixed of the striker moving the aperture into and out of alignment for penetrative engagement by said bolt.

Claims 11-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 1 wherein means to control actuation of said electromagnetic means is provided, remote from said latch bolt.

Claims 14-16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 1 wherein said striker includes a ramp surface over which said bolt can slide during movement of said closure to a condition closing the opening of said compartment to displace said bolt towards is unlocked position.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 3 wherein ~~said~~ a ramp leads to a plateau surface of said striker at which the opening to said aperture is provided.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 1 wherein said electromagnetic means is powered from remote power source.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 13 wherein said electromagnet means is controlled for actuation by a remote switch.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 20 wherein said remote switch controls the delivery of power from said power source to said electromagnetic means.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 20 wherein said remote switch is hard wired with said electromagnetic means.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 1 wherein said electromagnetic means is a solenoid.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 1 wherein said electromagnetic means includes the bolt which is of a ferrous material and extending into and/or through a coil capable of being powered by said power source.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 20 wherein said remote switch is a reed switch actuable by influence of a magnetic field.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 25 wherein said magnetic field is provided by a key which includes a permanent magnet.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 1 wherein ~~latch bolt includes an electromagnetically movable bolt;~~ said latch bolt assembly including a first electric connection terminal for the engagement of an electric lead for delivery of electromagnetic power to said latch bolt assembly and a second electric connection terminal in electrical connection with said first and capable of receiving an electric lead for the delivery of said power from said latch bolt assembly to ~~an other like~~ another latch bolt assembly.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 27 wired in parallel with a like cabinet lock from a common power source and wherein each cabinet lock includes its said bolt disposed from said mount in a manner normally biased towards said locking position (~~eg by a spring~~) save for upon the actuation of said electromagnetic means to move said bolt to the unlocked position.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 28 wherein each said cabinet lock includes it its own designated means to actuate (~~e.g. reed switch~~) its own said electromagnetic means ~~and independent~~ independently of the ~~others~~ other cabinet locks.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A cabinet which includes a compartment defining structure including an opening closable by a closure means (~~eg a door or drawer~~) movable relative to said compartment structure, said cabinet further including a cabinet lock for selectively locking said closure means and said compartment defining structure when in a condition closing said compartment defining structure, said cabinet lock comprising:

a latch bolt assembly including a mounting and a bolt movably disposed with said mounting between a locking position and an unlocked position,

a striker including a coupling region with which said bolt can couple to thereby ~~isolate~~ prevent relative movement between said ~~latch~~ bolt and said striker in at least one direction lateral to the direction of movement of said bolt between its locking position and said unlocked position,

said striker is fixed to one of said compartment structure and closure and said latch bolt assembly is fixed to the other of said compartment structure and closure in a manner to place such in coupling proximity when said closure is in closing relation with said opening of said compartment structure,

said latch bolt assembly including a passive biasing means to bias ~~urge~~ ~~or is positioned to urge~~ said bolt to said locking position, and

said latch bolt assembly including an electromagnetic means actuatable to move said bolt from the locking position to the unlocked position against the bias of the biasing means,

said striker including an interference means selectively movable to interfere with the movement of said bolt into coupling engagement with said coupling region of said striker to thereby prevent coupling.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The cabinet as claimed in claim 30 wherein said cabinet includes a plurality of openings closable by independently movable closure means, each closure means having in association a said cabinet lock.

Claim 32 (Cancelled)

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The cabinet as claimed in claim 30 wherein each said cabinet lock includes its own designated means to actuate said electromagnetic means and independent of the others.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The cabinet as claimed in claim 33 wherein said means to actuate is a switch.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): The cabinet as claimed in claim 32 ~~33~~ wherein each said electromagnetic means is powered from one power source.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The cabinet as claimed in claim 34 wherein said latch bolt and striker are positioned internal of the compartment structure and said switch is actuable from external of the compartment structure.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): The cabinet as claimed in claim 34 wherein the switch is a magnetically actuable switch (~~e.g. a reed switch~~).

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): The cabinet as claimed in claim 37 wherein said ~~reed~~ magnetically actuable switch is placed external of said compartment structure.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): The cabinet as claimed in claim 37 wherein said ~~reed~~ magnetically actuable switch is positioned internal of the compartment ~~structure~~ structure but is positioned to be influenced by a magnetic field the source of which is ~~or may be~~ placed external of the compartment structure.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): The cabinet which includes a compartment defining structure including an opening closable by a closure means (~~e.g. a door or drawer~~) movable relative to said compartment defining structure, said cabinet further including a cabinet lock for selectively locking said closure means and said compartment defining structure when in a condition closing said compartment defining structure, said cabinet lock being as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The cabinet as claimed in claim 40 wherein said mounting includes apertures for mechanically fastening said latch bolt to one of said compartment structure and closure.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The cabinet as claimed in claim 40 wherein said striker includes apertures for mechanically fastening said latch bolt to the other of said compartment structure and closure.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The cabinet as claimed in claim 40 wherein said mounting is in use fixed to said compartment structure.

Please add new claims 44-48 as follows:

Claim 44 (New): A cabinet lock for selectively locking a cabinet of a kind comprising a compartment structure and a closure movable relative to said compartment structure for selectively closing an opening of said compartment structure, said cabinet lock comprising:

a latch bolt assembly including a mounting and a bolt movably disposed with said mounting between a locking position and an unlocked position,

a striker including a coupling region with which said bolt can couple to thereby isolate relative movement between said bolt and said striker in at least one direction lateral to the direction of movement of said bolt between its locking position and said unlocked position,

said striker being engagable with one of said compartment structure and closure and said latch bolt assembly being engagable with the other of said compartment structure and closure in a manner to place such in coupling proximity when said closure is in closing relation with said opening of said compartment structure,

said bolt being urged to said locking position, and

said striker including an interference means movable to interfere with the movement of said bolt into coupling engagement with said coupling region of said striker to thereby prevent coupling,

said latch bolt including an electromagnetic means actuatable to displace said bolt from said unlocked position to said locking position,

said electromagnetic means being controlled for actuation by a remote switch,

said remote switch being a reed switch actuatable by influence of a magnetic field.

Claim 45 (New): The cabinet lock as claimed in claim 44, wherein said magnetic field is provided by a key which includes a permanent magnet.

Claim 46 (New): A cabinet which includes a compartment defining structure including an opening closable by a closure means movable relative to said compartment structure, said cabinet further including a cabinet lock for selectively locking said closure means and said compartment defining structure when in a condition closing said compartment defining structure, said cabinet lock comprising:

a latch bolt assembly including a mounting and a bolt movably disposed with said mounting between a locking position and an unlocked position,

a striker including a coupling region with which said bolt can couple to thereby isolate relative movement between said bolt and said striker in at least one direction lateral to the direction of movement of said bolt between its locking position and said unlocked position,

said striker being fixed to one of said compartment structure and closure and said latch bolt assembly being fixed to the other of said compartment structure and closure in a manner to place such in coupling proximity when said closure is in closing relation with said opening of said compartment structure,

said bolt being urged to said locking position, and

said striker including an interference means movable to interfere with the movement of said bolt into coupling engagement with said coupling region of said striker to thereby prevent coupling,

each said cabinet lock including its own designated means to actuate an electromagnetic means of said mounting to move said bolt to the unlocked position,

said means to actuate being a switch,

the switch being a magnetically actuable switch.

Claim 47 (New): The cabinet as claimed in claim 46, wherein said reed switch is placed external of said compartment structure.

Claim 48 (New): The cabinet as claimed in claim 46, wherein said reed switch is positioned internal of the compartment structure but is positioned to be influenced by a magnetic field the source of which is placed external of the compartment structure.